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# Election of a member of the International Court of Justice

## Curricula vitae of candidates nominated by national groups

**Note by the Secretary-General**

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# I. Introduction

The Secretary-General has the honour to submit to the General Assembly and to the Security Council the curricula vitae of the candidates nominated by the national groups for the election to fill a causal vacancy in the International Court of Justice caused by the resignation of Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria). The names of the candidates have been circulated in document A/56/373-S/2001/882. The composition of the Court and the voting procedures to be followed in the General Assembly and in the Security Council are contained in a memorandum by the Secretary-General issued as document A/56/372-S/2001/881.

# II. Curricula vitae of candidates

## Georges Abi-Saab (Egypt)

[Original: French]

- Born on 9 June 1933 in Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt.
- Bachelor's degree in law, University of Cairo, 1954. Postgraduate studies in law, economics and political science at the universities of Cairo (postgraduate degree in private and public law), Paris, Michigan (Master's degree in economics), Harvard (Master of Laws (L.L.M.) and Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.)), Cambridge and Geneva (Doctorate in political science). Diploma from the Hague Academy of International Law.
- Professor of international law at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, since 1969, having previously taught there since 1963.
- Member of the Institute of International Law.
- Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the preparation of his first two reports on "Respect for human rights in armed conflicts" (1969 and 1970) and on "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order" (1984).
- Member of the Egyptian delegation at the Conference of Government Experts on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts (1972) and at the Diplomatic Conference on the same subject (1974-1977). Counsel for the Egyptian Government before the International Court of Justice in the case concerning the *Interpretation of the Agreement of 25 March 1951 between the WHO and Egypt* and in the cases concerning the *Legality of the Use by a State of Nuclear Weapons in Armed Conflict* and the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*.
- Counsel and advocate for the Government of Tunisia before the International Court of Justice in the case concerning the *Continental Shelf (Tunisia/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)*; counsel and advocate for the Government of Egypt in the arbitration relating to the *Boundary Dispute Concerning the Taba Area (Egypt/Israel)*.
- Judge ad hoc in the case concerning the *Frontier Dispute (Burkina Faso/ Republic of Mali)* before a chamber of the International Court of Justice; judge

ad hoc in the case concerning the *Territorial Dispute (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Chad)* before the International Court of Justice.

- Former member of the Appeals Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and former member of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.
- Member of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Monetary Fund and of various arbitral tribunals.

## Nabil Elaraby (Egypt)

[Original: English]

**Current positions**

Member of the International Law Commission of the United Nations since 1994.

Judge, Judicial Tribunal of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, 1990.

Commissioner at the United Nations Compensation Commission in Geneva since 1999.

Member of the Governing Board of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

Partner, Zaki Hashem & Partners, Attorneys at Law.

**Academic qualifications**

J.S.D. (Doctor of Juridical Science), New York University Law School (1971).

L.L.M. (Master in International Law), New York University Law School (1969).

*Licencié en Droit*, Faculty of Law, Cairo University (1955).

**Legal activities**

Legal Adviser and Director, Legal and Treaties Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo (1976-1978, 1983-1987).

Agent of the Egyptian Government to the Egyptian-Israeli arbitration tribunal (*Taba* dispute) (1986-1988).

Head of the Egyptian delegation to the *Taba* negotiations (1985-1989).

Appointed by the Egyptian Minister of Justice on the list of arbitrations in civil and commercial affairs in Egypt since 1995.

Member of the Board, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration.

Member of the Board, Egyptian Society of International Law.

Member of the World Intellectual Property Organization Arbitration and Mediation Centre List of Neutrals.

Arbitrator at the International Chamber of Commerce International Court of Arbitration in Paris in a dispute concerning the Suez Canal (1989-1992).

Legal Adviser to the Egyptian delegation to the Camp David Middle East peace conference (1978).

Special Fellow in International Law, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) (1973).

Legal Adviser to the Egyptian delegation to the United Nations Geneva Middle East peace conference (1973-1975).

Adlai Stevenson Fellow in International Law, UNITAR (1968).

**Previous positions**

*At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt*

Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations in New York (1991-1999).

Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations Office at Geneva (1987-1991).

Ambassador to India (1981-1983).

Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York (1978-1981).

*At the United Nations*

President of the Security Council (June 1996).

Vice-President of the General Assembly (1993, 1994, 1997).

Chairman, First (Disarmament and international security questions) Committee of the General Assembly (Forty-seventh Session).

Chairman, Informal Working Group on an Agenda for Peace (1992-1996).

Chairman, Working Group on Legal Instruments, United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro (1992).

Chairman, United Nations Special Committee on Enhancing the Principle of the Prohibition of the Use of Force in International Relations (1981-1982).

**Other legal activities**

*Lectured at:*

The Hague Academy of International Law, Columbia University, New York University, Duke University, Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Houston.

American Society of International Law, New York Bar Association, Greek Institute of International Law and International Peace Academy in New York and Vienna.

Lecturer in international law and international organizations, Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo.

Keynote Speaker at the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales, 1993: "The United Nations and the New World Order", Geneva.

Panellist at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law:

1995 The Middle East Peace Process

1993 Human Rights and Domestic Jurisdiction

1984 The Charter of the United Nations and the Use of Force: Is Article 2 (4) Still Workable?

1980 Peace in the Middle East: Camp David, the Treaty and Beyond

**Membership**

Member of the Board of Trustees, American University in Cairo.

Member, Egyptian Society of International Law.

Member, American Society of International Law.

Commissioner, Canberra Commission on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.

Member, Board of Directors of the Institute of World Affairs, New York.

Honorary Senior Fellow, Center for International Studies, New York University Law School (1992-1993).

Visiting Scholar, Robert Wagner School of Public Service, New York University.

**Publications**

Contributed, inter alia, articles to the following periodicals and chapters to the following books:

"Preventive Diplomacy, Peacemaking and Peacekeeping in the context of International Law", in *Perspective on International Law* (Nandasiri, ed., Kluwer Law International, 1995).

"Some Reflections on Disarmament", in *The United Nations at Age 50: A Legal Perspective* (Christian Tomuschatu, ed., Kluwer Law International).

"UN Security Council Resolution 242: the Building Block of Peacemaking", *A Washington Institute Monograph* (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, ed., 1993).

"Practical Problems with Multilateral Arms Control", in *The International Law of Arms Control and Treaties, Disarmament* (1991).

"United Nations Peacekeeping: The Egyptian Experience", in *Peacekeeping: Appraisal and Proposals* (Henry Wiseman, ed., International Peace Academy, 1988).

"The Office of the Secretary-General and the Maintenance of International Peace and Security", in *The United Nations and the Maintenance of International Peace and Security* (Columbia University Press, 1987).

"The Adaptation of Structures and Methods at the United Nations", in *Proceedings of Workshop at the Hague Academy of International Law* (1985).

*Towards a New International Legal Order* (Uppsala University and UNITAR, 1981).

"The United Nations Peacekeeping by Consent: A Case Study of the Withdrawal of the United Nations Emergency Force", *New York University Journal of International Law and Politics*, vol. 1, 1968, republished in *The*

*Arab-Israel Conflict* (John Norton Moore, ed., American Society of International Law).

"Some Legal Implications of the 1947 Partition Resolution and the 1949 Armistice Agreements", in *The Middle East Crisis: Test of International Law* (Oceana Publications).

"*Disarmament: A Periodic Review by the United Nations*, vol. XVI, No. 3 (1993): "Regional Security and Nuclear Non-Proliferation".

*Prospects for a Charter Review*, *Liber Amicorum Bengt Broms* (ILA, Helsinki, 1999).

- Contributed several articles in Arabic to *Revue égyptienne de droit international*.

**Personal**

Date of birth: 15 March 1935.

## Francis Romain Wodie (Côte d'Ivoire)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 25 February 1936, at Abidjan.

Profession: Judge/divisional president, Abidjan appeal court.

**Degrees, posts, professional responsibilities**

1998-2000 Tenured professor, Abidjan Faculty of Law.

1997-1998 Tenured professor.

Teaching assignments:

- Public international law (bachelor's degree)
- International economic law, international development law (master's degree)
- General theory of law (doctorate)

1992-1997 Tenured professor, responsible for the same teaching assignments (see above).

1986-1992 Tenured professor, Abidjan Faculty of Law:

Chairman of the specialized technical committee on legal and political science of the African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education;

Member of the jury for the competitive examination for teachers of public law and political science (1987 competition at Dakar);

Chairman of the jury for the competitive examination for teachers of public law and political science, general coordinator of all the juries (1989 competition at Ouagadougou).

1980-1986 Certified lecturer (French competitive examination (Paris 1980-1981)):

Tenured professor (1984)

Dean of the Abidjan Faculty of Law

Member of the jury for the competitive examination (Libreville, 1985)

1977-1979 Associate assistant in the Aix-Marseille III Faculty of Law

Bachelor's degree in philosophy, Faculty of Arts, Aix-Marseille

Master's degree in philosophy, Faculty of Arts, Aix-Marseille

1973-1977 Lecturer, Abidjan Faculty of Law

1971-1973 Lecturer, Algiers Faculty of Law and Algiers Institute of Political Studies

Algerian certification for the teaching of public law and political science (1972 Algiers competitive examination)

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| 1969-1971 | Lecturer, Abidjan Faculty of Law |
| 1966-1970 | State doctorate in public law, Paris Faculty of Law Assistant, Abidjan Faculty |
| 1964 | Paris Faculty of Law: Diploma in advanced studies in public law |
| | Diploma in advanced studies in political science |
| | Certificat d'aptitude à la profession d'avocat (CAPA (qualifying certificate for the practice of law) |

**Consultancies and main publications**

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| 1986-1987 | Consultant to the African Development Bank: international development law. |
| October 1987 | Consultancy, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on research and teaching of public international law in Africa. |

**Publications**

*Les institutions regionales africaines* (Librairie générale de droit et de jurisprudence, Paris, 1970).

*Encyclopédie Juridique de l'Afrique*. Contribution: "*La Législation*", p. 307-330, ch. 13, vol. 2 (Les nouvelles editions africaines, Abidjan/Dakar/Lomé, 1982).

*Les organisations régionales africaines* (African regional organizations), collective work. Contribution: "*La Banque Africaine de Développement (B.A.D.) et le Fonds Africain de Développement (F.A.D.)*" (the African Development Bank and the African Development Fund), p. 85-102 (Faculty of Law, University of Kenya, Nairobi, edited by Domenico Mazzaeo, Cambridge University Press, 1984).

*Mélanges offerts au professeur P.F. Gonidec: l'Etat moderne, horizon 2000, aspects internes et externes*, member of the advisory committee. Contribution "*Le contentieux des elections législatives en Côte d'Ivoire, à la lumière de la loi du 1er septembre 1980*", p. 325-337 (Librairie générale de droit et de jurisprudence, Paris, 1985).

*Manuel de droit international public, bilan et perspectives*, UNESCO, under the guidance of judge Mohamed Bedjaoui. Contribution: "*La Haute Mer*", vol. 2, ch. XI, p. 945-975 (ed. A. Pedone, Paris, 1991); *International Law, Achievements and Prospects* (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers/UNESCO, Dordrecht/Rosta/London). Contribution: "The High Seas", ch. 40, p. 885-914.

Collective work on international law, University of Tokyo. Contribution: "*Les fonds marins*", translated into Japanese under the guidance of professor Kunihiko Tatsuzawa (Tokura, Kokubunji-shi, Tokyo).

*Manuel de Droit Constitutionnel Ivoirien* (Presses universitaires de Côte d'Ivoire, 1996).

**Selected articles**

"*La sécession du Biafra et le droit international public*", *Revue générale de droit international public*, October-December 1969, No. 4.

"*L'inexistence juridique des actes administratifs unilatéraux*", *Droit français, actualité juridique, droit administratif*, p. 76-89, February 1969.

"*Les responsabilités en matière hospitalière*", *Droit administratif français. Revue algérienne de sciences juridiques et politiques*, 1972, issue No. 1, p. 55-94.

"*Les intérets économiques et le droit de la mer*", *Revue générale de droit international public*, 1976, No. 3.

"*La nationalisation et le nouvel ordre international*", *Annales africaines* (University of Dakar, 1977) (Nouvelles éditions africaines, 1978).

"*L'intérêt pour agir, selon la jurisprudence internationale*", *Annales africaines* (University of Dakar, 1978) (Nouvelles éditions africaines, 1979), p. 71-142.

"*La théorie kantienne du droit*", *Revue de philosophie de la Faculté des lettres*, University of Abidjan, 1983; extracted in journal of philosophy, philosophy association, Mexico.

"*L'O.U.A. et les intégrations régionales*", Casablanca symposium, 1-3 November 1984.

"*Problématique de la transition démocratique en Afrique*, Dakar symposium, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, December 1991.

**Professional and scientific associations**

International Law Association (Various years: 1960-1970).

President of the Association ivoirienne de droit constitutionnel (Ivorian association of constitutional law).

Member of the African Association of Constitutional Law.

Member of the International Association of Constitutional Law.

Member of the Société française pour le droit international (French society of international law).

Member of the African Association of International Law.

Member of the editorial advisory committee for the African yearbook of international law.

Member of the scientific council for the *Espaces et Ressources Maritimes* collection, ed. A. Pedone.

**Socio-political activities**

1968-1970 Member of the managing committee of the Ivorian football federation.

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| 1968-1971 | General secretary of the Syndicat africain (national) de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur (African (national) union for research and higher education). |
| 1985-1989 | Chairman of the Ivorian section of Amnesty International. |
| 1987 | Founding member of the Ligue Ivoirienne des Droits de l'Homme (Ivorian League of Human Rights). |
| 1990-1995 | Deputy in the national assembly of Côte d'Ivoire. |
| 1998-1999 | Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research. |